Lib. H. D. to leave things in Such a Condition that there may be no prejudice to the publick by your Absence, and so we bid you farewell Given at our Court att Hampton Court the 28th day of Iune 1701 in the 13th Year of our Reign

By his Matys Comand
Ia: Vernon

Col^o Blakiston leave to return home under the Privy Seale.

To our Trusty and welbeloved Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Our Cap^t Gen¹¹ and Governo^r in Chief of our Province of Maryland in America.

Lib. X. At a Council held at the Town and Port of Annapolis on Saturday being the 29th day of November in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third of England &ca Annoq Dni 1701

Present

His Excellency the Governor

the honble $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Thomas Tench Esq}^r \\ \text{Thomas Brook Esq}^r \\ \text{Coll}^o \text{ John Hammond} \end{array} \right\}$

P. 273 Produced and read his Majestys three Letters to his Excellency of the 21st of May 1701

Appointing Collo Edward Lloyd Mr James Sanders & Lieut Collo William Holland to be of his Majestys Council of this Province

Whereupon the said three Gentlemen appearing at the Board were accordingly sworn and admitted of his Majestys Council within this Province having first taken the Oaths appointed by act of Part instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy & Subscribed the Test & Association & then took their Places at the Board

Produced and read his Majestys Letter of the 19th of January 1700 directing a supply of 650l Sterling to be furnished by this Province for the Aid & Defence of the Frontiers of his Majestys Provs of New York

Which being taken into due consideration & this Board desiring to procure a dutiful compliance to his Majestys Commands

It is their opinion that in regard the Gov^t of New York has never yet called for the said sum it would have been very chargeable to this Province to have conveened the assembly on purpose only to have Supplied the said sum neither would it have been adviseable upon the first Receipt thereof to have